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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following foreign Office Action, which is also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.

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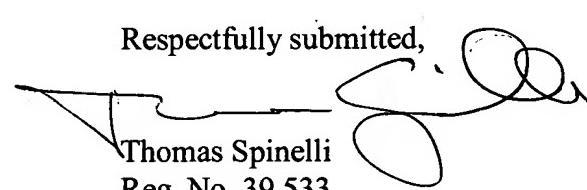
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The reference is an Office Action dated May 30, 2005 received from the European Patent Office. Applicants are submitting a copy of the Examiner's comments regarding U.S. 5,830,121, which was cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed October 24, 2003. The relevance of U.S. 5,830,121 is described in the Official Action.

In compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3), as a concise statement of relevance, as it is presently understood by the individual designated in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(c) most knowledgeable about the content of the information, the undersigned attorney of record submits an official action by a foreign examiner in which U.S. 5,830,121 was cited. The relevance to the pending U.S. patent application is that the reference was cited in a foreign patent application on the same subject matter. However, no independent analysis of the references, the accuracy of the statement of the foreign examiner or the claims of the foreign application under the laws of that country or the United States relative to the subject matter claimed in the present application has been made; the present understanding of the contents thereof by the undersigned being based on the foreign examiner's comments submitted herewith.

Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), no statement or fee is required.

Respectfully submitted,


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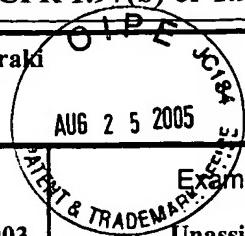
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37 CFR 1.97(b)

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 - the statement specified in 37 CFR 1.97(e);

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